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354 644 The factory authorities have contemplated to install electric lights for the workers' families, but as the houses are widely scattered, the work has not yet been carried out.[1]

644 262 Food and Meal Ticket.—The Chiu Ta workers were formerly provided with meals by the factory free of charge, but they were later commuted as a part of their wages. As a result, most of the workers began to cook their own food. In 1923, when the dormitory was completed, it was provided with a dining hall in which steamed bread and other cooked food were sold to the workers at cost. And the workers were then prohibited to cook food in their own rooms.

As the east section is far away from the main dining hall there is a separate building in which a toilet room, a locker room, a small kitchen and a small dining room are provided for the use of the workers.

The worker's diet consists of the following: wheat bread, corn bread, millet porridge, doughnuts and salted vegetables. The price of bread is always fixed at two cents each, the weight varying according to the market price of flour. Every day, the weight of the bread is shown on a sign board and it may be weighed by any one who likes to do so with a balance in the dining room. Bread of insufficient weight may be changed at once. During the festivals and the three days before the New Year, dumplings with sugar and meat contents are sold at the same price as that of the plain bread, and special foods are also prepared for sale.

To facilitate purchases at the dining room, meal tickets are issued. Workers may secure them in advance at the superviser's office to buy their food. The total value of tickets issued to one worker in a month should not exceed $6, and this amount is to be deducted from his wage at the end of each month. In recent years, these tickets are even used to pay fines, rent, and other miscellaneous expenses. This has greatly facilitated the miscellaneous transactions and reduced the use of money.

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[1] Our latest information is that the workers' houses have now all been installed with electric light.